

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

a client computer ~~sending a prior notification which requests~~ notifying a financial institution server to send asset information to a unified asset management server;

said financial institution server making a determination as to whether or not a ~~request~~ said prior notification is from said client computer based on an Internet protocol (IP) address ~~and/or~~ of said client computer and authentication information from said client computer;

said financial institution server returning an acknowledgement for said prior notification ~~request~~ to said client computer when said ~~request~~ prior notification is from said client computer;

said client computer making a request to said unified asset management server to update a portfolio after said client computer receives said acknowledgement;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to perform authentication;

said financial institution server providing authentication based on an Internet protocol (IP) address of said unified asset management server and ~~and/or~~ authentication information from said unified asset management server when said unified asset management server is the server specified in ~~the~~ said prior notification from said client computer;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to send said asset information;

said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on said asset information received; and

said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to said client computer.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A method for the unified management of a plurality of assets allowing collective perusal of the real-time status of transactions and assets held by a user at a plurality of different companies by using a computer network and a unified asset management server, comprising the steps of:

a client computer making a request to a financial institution server to perform authentication;

said financial institution server providing authentication based on ~~an~~ Internet protocol (IP) address of said client computer and ~~and/or~~ authentication information from said client computer;

said financial institution server returning an acknowledgment to said client computer when said client computer has passed the authentication;

said client computer making a request to said financial institution server to execute a prescribed transaction after said client computer receives said acknowledgement;

said financial institution server executing said transaction when said request is from said client computer;

said financial institution server notifying said client computer of the results of the execution of said transaction;

said client computer making a request to said unified asset management server to update a portfolio after said client computer receives said results of the execution of said transaction;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to perform authentication;

said financial institution server providing authentication based on an Internet protocol (IP) address of said unified asset management server and/or authentication information from said unified asset management server when the request for said authentication by said unified asset management server is made within a prescribed time from the execution of said transaction;

said unified asset management server making a request to said financial institution server to send said asset information;

said financial institution server sending said asset information to said unified asset management server;

said unified asset management server updating a portfolio based on said asset information received; and

said unified asset management server sending an updated portfolio to said client computer.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) The method for the unified management of a plurality of assets using a computer network according to claim 1, further comprising the step of sending said updated portfolio to an adviser server in order to receive advice.

6-7. (Canceled).